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1. On 4 June 1952, six twin-engine aircraft and one high-wing monoplane were observed at the Schoenwalde airfield. The monoplane made local flights. When its crew was changed, two men left the plane. Thirty men were seen doing maintenance work on twin-engine aircraft. About 10 a.m. on 9 June, three twin-engine planes took off successively, assembled and then headed north/west. About 11 a.m., three twin-engine planes landed at intervals of about one minute. During the day, several biplanes took off for local flights. Seven twin-engine aircraft in addition to two biplanes were seen in front of the hangars. Between 8 and 10:30 p.m. on 12 June, there was flying by two biplanes at the field. The planes landed with their landing lights switched on after green ground signals had been fired. At 7:40 a.m. on 13 June, nine twin-engine aircraft landed at intervals of three minutes each. Three of the planes taxied to the hangars on the northeastern edge of the installation, while the other six were parked in a line in front of the hangars on the northwestern border of the field. Four other twin-engine planes and two biplanes were also seen in front of the hangars. A biplane took off at about 10 a.m., and another one landed about 2 p.m. Boxes and bags were unloaded from the latter plane. Throughout the day, individual biplanes were observed practicing take-offs. Between 7 a.m. and noon on 14 June, there was flying by one high-wing monoplane at the installation. During this time, a radio truck fitted with a rod 3 meters high having a cross rod with an estimated length of 2.5 meters on top of it was observed in front of the flight control station.

2. About 1 p.m. on 12 June, 25 trucks were being unloaded on the spur track of the field. About 10:40 a.m. on 17 June, four twin-engine aircraft took off at intervals of about two minutes each and left the field toward the southeast. Another twin-engine plane left in the same direction. About 11:30 a.m. four twin-engine aircraft landed at the field. Two twin-engine planes took off successively at 1 p.m. for local flights. Two twin-engine planes landed at about 2:10 p.m. Six twin-engine planes and two biplanes were observed parked at the field. About 1 p.m. on 19 June, three twin-engine planes towing a cargo glider each were observed flying at an altitude of about 2,000 meters. * About 9 a.m. on 21 June, four twin-engine aircraft were observed in the hangars of the field, while three biplanes were parked in front of the hangars. About 20 men were doing maintenance work on the latter aircraft. Trucks were observed at the field.

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- 25X1 25X1 3. On 7 June, [] Unit Gonchar was still stationed at the field, which was also occupied by two army units. Three AAA emplacements with three 75-mm guns each were seen at the installation. The soldiers observed there were red-bordered black epaulets with crossed gun barrels. **
- 25X1 4. On 8 June, [] three twin-engine planes parked on the northwestern border of the field. There was no flying between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Neither flying nor aircraft were observed between 6 and 7 a.m. on 12 June. Sedan [] occupied by two air force officers and truck [] occupied by air force soldiers were seen proceeding to the field. ***
- 25X1 * [] Comment. This is the third report on cargo gliders observed in the Soviet Zone of Germany after 18 June. These gliders which are used for airborne exercises of Soviet Army troops have been observed every year about the same time. It is unknown where the cargo gliders are stationed and what army units participated in the exercises.
- 25X1 ** [] Comment. Besides an air force unit, the headquarters and a unit of the 31st AAA Div are stationed at the Schoenwalde airfield. It is believed that the AAA emplacements observed belonged to this division and that they did not represent special antiaircraft protection as observed at most of the fields occupied by air units of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army.
- 25X1 *** [] Comment. The report indicates that the field was still occupied by an air unit equipped with twin-engine aircraft. According to available information, this unit is a target-tow unit the aircraft of which are continuously employed for the towing of target sleeves in connection with firing practices held by the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. From a photograph of the twin-engine planes transmitted previously, it appears that they are Tu-2s.

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